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REF BK191557 KARACHI DOMESTIC URDU 191500--PAKISTAN: PRESS NOTE
ON 19 FEB BOMB EXPLOSION IN PESHAWAR

_PAKISTAN: _PESHAWAR _PROTEST _DIRECTED _AGAINST _REFUGEES

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_HONG_KONG _AFP IN _ENGLISH 1031 _GMT 21 _FEB 87

((_TEXT)) _ISLAMABAD, _FEB 21 (_AFP) -- _SHOPS WERE CLOSED IN TH

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BORDERING PAKISTANI CITY OF PESHAWAR ON SATURDAY AS GROUPS OF
STUDENTS PROTESTING AGAINST THURSDAY'S KILLING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN
IN A BOMB BLAST TOOK TO THE STREETS DEMANDING THE EXPULSION OF
_AFGHAN REFUGEES, REPORTS REACHING HERE SAID.

_THE DEATH TOLL IN THE TRUCK-BOMB BLAST IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL
IN _GARHI _QAMARDIN ABOUT FIVE KM (THREE MILES) FROM _PESHAWAR HAD
RISEN TO 14 WHILE 70 OTHERS, MOSTLY CHILDREN, WERE STILL IN
HOSPITAL. _THE CONDITION OF SEVERAL CHILDREN WAS SAID TO BE
SERIOUS.

_THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT WILL PAY COMPENSATION TO THE
FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS, BLAMING THE INCIDENT ON "UNSCRUPULOUS"
_AFGHAN AGENTS AND FOREIGN-INSPIRED TERRORISTS.

_BUT THE MOOD IN THE CITY WAS ANGRY AS PROTESTORS DEMONSTRATED
FOR THE THIRD DAY RUNNING AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF _AFGHAN REFUGEES.
_PEOPLE CLASHED WITH REFUGEES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EIGHT YEARS ON
_FRIDAY ON THE ROAD LEADING TO THE SCENE OF THE BLAST. _TWO SEFUGEES
WERE INJURED IN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE, PRESS REPORTS SAID.

_SHOPKEEPERS KEPT THE SHUTTERS DOWN ON SATURDAY AS STUDENTS
CHANTING SLOGANS SET FIRE TO A JEEP AT PESHAWAR UNIVERSITY,
ATTACKED THE STATE-OWNED BANKS, STONED POLICE AND _AFGHAN VEHICLES,
WITNESSES SAID. _POLICE BATON-CHARGED THE CROWD AND FIRED TEAR GAS
SHELLS, INJURING SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.

_STUDENTS, WHO ARE DEMANDING THE RESIGNATION OF THE PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE SECURITY, PLANNED TO HOLD
A RALLY LATER IN THE DAY. _BUT POLICE EARLY ON _SATURDAY REPORTEDLY
BLOCKED ENTRY POINTS TO THE VENUE.

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